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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$12,250 GRANT TO THE MONROE COUNTY FOR PATROL VEHICLES

In a Certificate of Recognition ceremony on November 18, 2010, Steven Gerrish, Area Specialist for USDA Rural Development announced the award of \$12,250 to the Monroe County. Funds were used to purchase two new patrol vehicles for Monroe County. The assistance consisted of a Community Facilities Economic Initiative Impact grant of \$12,250 for the patrol vehicles. Additionally, Monroe County provided \$22,760 toward the total cost of the patrol vehicles.

"I am pleased to hear that with the help of competitive funds from the USDA, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department has been able to purchase two new patrol vehicles," U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. "The additional patrol vehicles will enhance and improve emergency preparedness for the Monroe County."

"Monroe County is very appreciative to have received grant funds totaling \$12,250 from USDA Rural Development to assist in the purchase of two new sheriff vehicles," as stated by the Monroe County Commission. "These grant funds enabled Monroe County to upgrade the ageing fleet of sheriff vehicles in order to better serve and protect our rural citizens. Many thanks to USDA."

"This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community in providing essential equipment for the county," said Missouri State Director Janie Dunning. "This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials for making available the federal funds for these kinds of projects."

Anyone seeking more information about the Community Facility program or any other USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Moberly Office at 2995 County Road 1325, Moberly, MO 65270 or by calling (660) 263-7400 - ext 4.

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